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SUBJECT: SURVIVABILITY OF NATO HEADQUARTERS

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1. REFTEL TRANSMITTED TEXT OF SG(75)18, BY WHICH DEPUTY SYG PANSO PROPOSES TO ASK THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE TO RE-EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDING OF A COST-EFFECTIVENESS STUDY ON THE SURVIVABILITY OF THE NATO HQ.

2. IN MISSION'S VIEW, PANSO'S PROPOSED LETTER, ANNEX II OF REFTEL, DOES NOT DEVELOP STRONG ARGUMENTS JUSTIFYING RE-EXAMINATION. PARA 2 DOES NOT MAKE A CLEAR CASE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING OVER THAT FROM THE MILITARY OR CIVIL BUDGETS; IN FACT ALL THREE BUDGETS COULD APPLY TO SOME EXTENT. PARA 3 ASSERTS THAT THE NICSMA CASE SETS A PRECEDENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING OF STUDIES SUCH AS SURVIVABILITY OF NATO HQ. ACTUALLY, NICSMA HAS BEEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AND IT WAS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE FOR THAT FUND TO FINANCE THE NICSMA STUDY; THIS NEED NOT BE THE

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CASE IN OTHER STUDIES.

3. ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THAT PANSAS LETTER WILL
SWAY THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, MISSION HAS NO OBJECTION
TO A RE-EXAMINATION AND RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF SG(74)18 BY THE
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